Proceedings of the Dasara Session of the Mysore Representative Assembly held in October 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

The Dasara Session of the Mysore Representative Assembly 1918-19 was held in the Darbar Hall of the Public Offices at Mysore, on Thursday the 17th October 1918, the Dewan Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K. C. I. E., presiding.

2. By G. O. No. 14465-515—G. M. 599-17-1, dated 27th April 1918, the term of the members representing the taluks and sub-taluks elected in 1915 for a period of three years was extended by a year. The number of members actually returned by those constituencies was 197 as against 212 due.

The number of other electorates, the number of seats for which members had to be returned and the number actually returned are shown below:—

	Due	Actually returned
Representatives from 27 Municipalities	42	37
Representatives from 8 Local Boards	16	12
Representatives from 21 Associations	21	17

Including the representatives of taluks, the total number returned was 263 as against 291 due.

3. The vacancies were due to,

(1) The election made by the Shimoga Municipal Council, Chitaldrug District Board, Davangere Municipal Council, and the Bar Association of Mysore having been declared invalid;

(2) The omission of the Eurasian and Anglo Indian Association of Mysore and the Commercial Association of Bangalore to send representatives;

(3) The District Board of Kadur and the Hunsur Municipality having failed to send representatives owing to want of quorum to elect members to represent them in the Assembly.

(4) The Taluk of Hunsur having returned two members instead of three.

(5) Each of the Taluks of Maddagiri, Magadi, Mysore, Mandya, Malvalli, Nelamangala, Hole-Narsipur, Tarikere, Tiptur, Pavagada, Sagar, Channapatna, and Alur Sub-taluk being short of one member and Gubbi Taluk being short of two members owing to casualties among those elected in 1915.

The privilege of electing a member to the Representative Assembly every year was given to the Arya Vaisya Maha Sabha of Mysore, Bangalore, in August 1918.

4. Of the 263 members returned to the Assembly

3 were Europeans,
16 Mahomedans,
244 Hindus.

Arranged according to occupations

49 were Merchants,
8 Sahukars or Bankers,
58 Village Officers (Patels and Shanbhogs), 127 Lawyers.
105 Landholders and
16 followed other occupations.

5. The attendance of the members at the meetings of the Assembly this year was not satisfactory, as only 88 members attended the meeting on the 17th October 1918. This was due to the prevalence of Influenza in Bangalore and Mysore Cities and also in all parts of the State. Some of the European guests of His Highness the Maharaja and a large body of retired officers and leading citizens of Mysore were present on the opening day. The Members of Council and the Heads of various Departments and other principal officers of the State were also present.

6. The Proceedings commenced at 12 noon. The President delivered the Annual Address to the Assembly in English. The Kannada Translation of the Address was subsequently read by Mr. M. S. Ramachandra Rao, B.A., B.L., Assistant Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

7. Addresses from the following Institutions and Bodies were read and presented to the President:—

1. The Central Mahomedan Association of Mysore, Bangalore, by Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.
2. The Malnad Members by Mr. H. Krishna Rao.
3. The Anjumani-Mahadavia, Bannur, by Mr. Syed Abdul Rasheed.

The Address from the Kolar Gold Field Mining Board which ought to have been presented by Mr. R. H. P. Bullen was, owing to his absence taken as read as a special case.

These Addresses with the Dewan's reply thereto are printed in Appendix A.

8. After the reading of the Kannada Address was over, the Dewan in view of the wide prevalence of the Influenza epidemic in the State, asked the opinion of the members of the Assembly as to whether the sittings should be confined to the Opening Day or might be continued on the 18th also. As opinion varied among the members, the matter was put to vote with the result that 22 members were for continuing the sittings on the 18th while 51 were for closing the Session that day. It was therefore resolved to close the sittings on the 17th.

9. On account of the very short time at the disposal of the members, the deliberations of the Assembly were confined to a discussion of the measures necessary to combat the epidemic of Influenza and relieve the Public distress and to the food situation.

A summary of the discussions will be found on pages 23 to 25 of this publication.

10. The privilege of interpellation granted to the Assembly members, *vide* G. O. No. Camp 8-58—G .M. 610-17-1, dated 22nd April 1918, was exercised by the members for the first time in this Session and 16 questions received from members were answered in the Assembly.

The Interpellations with answers are printed as Appendix B.

11. Six subjects were suggested for consideration by Special Committees of the Assembly before the next Session and the Dewan stated that the names of the members of the Committees with their conveners would be announced later on.

The reports of the Special Committees appointed at the previous Session are printed as Appendix C.

12. The Dewan concluded the Session with a few closing remarks on the duty of the members to co-operate with Government for the good of the State and the Assembly dispersed at 5-30 P. M with three cheers to His Highness the Maharaja proposed by Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan and heartily responded to by the whole Assembly standing.

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